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The purpose of this Booklet is to put into convenient form a number of alphabets which may be used not only by architects and mechanical draftsmen, but also by artists and those who wish to make artistic letters for signs, show cards and posters.

Skill in making good lettering depends on two things—

First, a knowledge of the shapes of the letters themselves.

Second, muscular control, which is developed only through steady practice.

Fine lettering like fine printing is a sign of one's skill and pride in his work. It often makes a more important impression than the drawing itself.

Therefore it will pay the beginner to spend much time

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in forming his letters and figures correctly and carefully.

Try for quality first.

Speed will come later.

General Directions

Use a 3 H or 4 H pencil sharpened to a tapering round point and make every line light enough so that it can be erased easily.

The first rule is that all letters must be the same height. Therefore always draw horizontal guide lines top, bottom and waist line, which is usually in the middle.

The second rule is that all letters must have the same slant.

Therefore, at first draw vertical or slant guide lines till practice makes them unnecessary.

ROMAN CAPITALS

This Alphabet is very important because it is the basis of all our other systems of lettering.

It is the combined work of many great designers and should be well studied.

It is the best for inscriptions and for titles on important drawings.

On the next page are the small letters and figures. They are called Lower Case letters.

ROMAN (lower case)

abcdefghijklmn

opqrstuvwxyz

1234567890

The following two Roman alphabets are written with a wide pen or flat brush.

They should not be attempted until the various strokes are well mastered.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP
QRSTUVWXYZ & ASE
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
Bedroom Kitchen 123456789

ARCHITECTURAL ALPHABET

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 ≈
Front Elevation · Paneled Ceiling · Stairway ·
Scale ½ Full Size · KITCHEN CABINET · No. 4

CONDENSED ARCHITECTURAL ALPHABET

VERTICAL GOTHIC

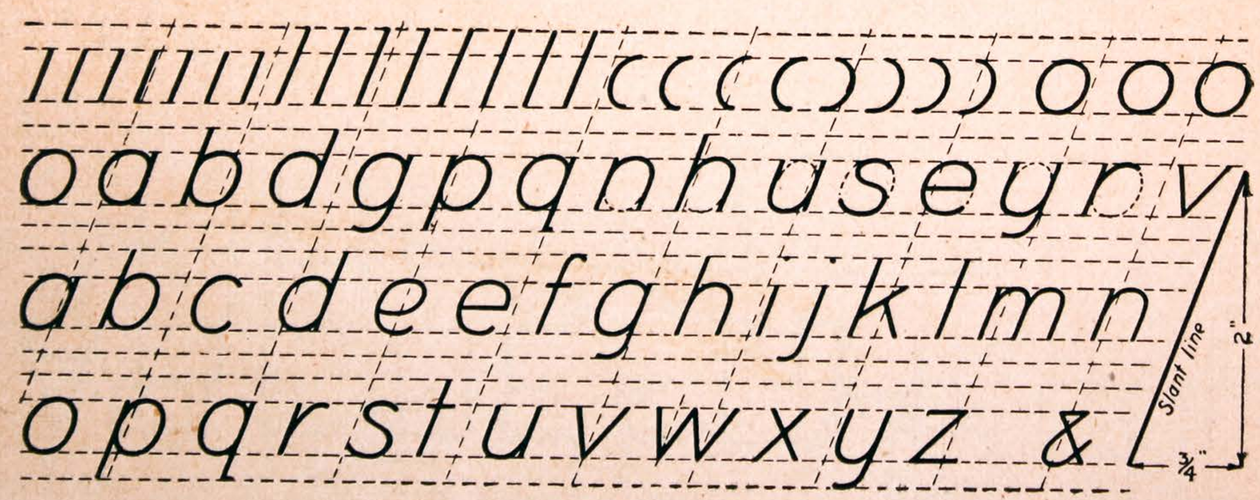
The letters are all the same width except I, M and W

ABCDEFGHIJKL
MNOPQRSTUVW
XYZ1234567890

nnnnllllllll((((()))))ooooo
oabdgpnhrsyoeuv
abcdefgghijklmnopq
rstuvwxyyz&

SLANT GOTHIC

ABCDEFGHIJKL
MNOPQRSTUVW
XYZ 1234567890



BLOCK LETTERS

A B C D E F G H I J K L
M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z &

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p
q r s t u v w x y z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ &
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
Public Library Auditorium

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

SHADE LINE

ABCDEFGHIJK

LMNOPQRSTU

VWXYZ &

abcdefghijklmnopq

rstuvwxyz &

1234567890

ABCDEFGHIJK
LMNOPQRSTU
VWXYZ ~~&~~&

abcdefghijklm
nopqrstuvwxy
ze.123456789

ABCDEFGHIJ
JKLMNOPQRST
UVWXYZWUNB

abcdefghijklmmno
pqrstuvwwxyyz

This alphabet requires a smooth flowing ink and
a special shading pen.

OLD ENGLISH

ABCDEFGHIJK
LMNOPQRSTUV

WXYZ 1234567890

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

These letters may be outlined with a fine pen
and filled in afterwards.

POSTER STYLE

Made with a round brush or Spoonbill Pen.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ
123456789

TITLES

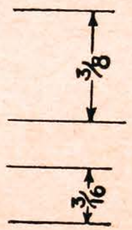
Titles are made with capitals only and should be symmetrical. If you make the first letter of each word larger than the others the title will be easier to write and also easier to read.

Small drawings require small titles.

This size is suitable for drawings on paper 12″x18″.

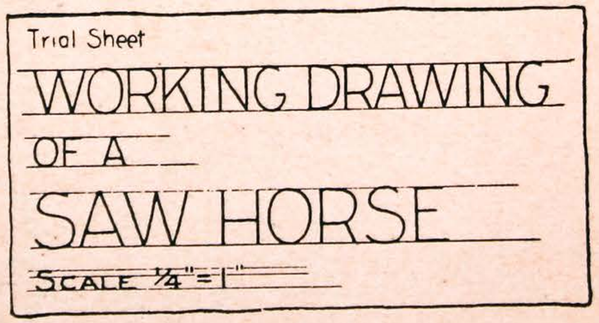
CAST STEEL ANVIL

SCALE – FULL SIZE



Copy the following title, using a trial sheet as suggested:

WORKING DRAWING
OF A
SAW HORSE
SCALE ¼″=1′



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This alphabet is to be detached and fastened to your drawing board.

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BRUCE - MILWAUKEE